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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Peter Vischer, et al.

Application No.: 10/033,426

Filed: December 27, 2001

For: METHOD FOR PROCESSING A  
NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLE BY  
SWINGING A SEGMENT OF A  
CARTRIDGE WALL, A SYSTEM AND  
A CARTRIDGE FOR PERFORMING  
SUCH A METHOD

Customer No.: 20350

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Examiner: Fredman, Jeffrey Norman

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.